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SUBJECT: CANADIAN OIL MEASURES- PRESS COVERAGE

1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL CORRESPONDENT ROSS MUNRO REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 18 THAT US HAS IN EFFECT REJECTED ANY CANADIAN DEAL BANNING SUPERTANKERS FROM SUPPLYING PUGET SOUND REFINERIES IN RETURN FOR GUARANTEED OVERLAND DELIVERY OF CANADIAN OIL. REPORT BASED ON LETTER FROM SECRETARY MORTON TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS LAST WEEK.

2. GLOBE AND MAIL ALSO REPORTS "SURPRISE VISIT BY ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD TO CALGARY MORNING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER 18 TO MEET ALBERTAN PREMIER LOUGHEED.

LOUGHEED SCHEDULED TO MAKE TV ADDRESS TONIGHT, ASSISING CANADIAN ENERGY SCENE AND POSSIBLE ALBERTA MOVES IN FACE OF TWO-PRICE OIL POLICY AND EXPORT TAX. TV BROADCAST WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO DEAL WITH ATHABASCA OIL SANDS DEVELOPMENTS. PRESS CHARACTERIZES MACDONALD VISIT AS EFFORT TO "FORESTALL POSSIBLE RUPTURE IN FEDERAL-ALBERTA RELATIONS."

3. OTTAWA CITIZEN OF SEPTEMBER 17 CARRIED BOGDAN KIPLING ARTICLE IN WHICH RUFUS SMITH IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT CANADA "IS PROFITEERING AT U.S. EXPENSE," BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RETALIATORY ACTION. (DIFFERING SOMEWHAT ON THIS POINT, FINANCIAL TIMES OF SEPTEMBER 17 STATES THAT SMITH "DID NOT SUGGEST THAT THERE WOULD BE REPRISALS IN OTHER AREAS OF TRADE.) ADDITIONAL QUOTES INCLUDE, "A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE ARE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS TO THE CANADIAN MOVE BUT IT WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE TO MAKE MEDIA COMMENTS AT THIS TIME," AND OIL EXPERTS AT DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR SAID, "WE ARE STILL FUMBLING AROUND WITH THE ENERGY BOARD WIRES." KIPLING OPENED ARTICLE WITH STATEMENT THAT "CANADA IS RAPIDLY BUILDING UP A REPUTATION AS THE 'BLUE-EYED' ARAB OF NORTH AMERICA."
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